

Communications Interoperability Outreach Workshop

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010
The Carnegie Center
1101 W Washington St
Phoenix, AZ
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Several significant federal deadlines related to public safety interoperability are fast approaching:

By 2011, local jurisdictions must be prepared to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

By 2013, all existing licensees on the VHF and UHF Spectrum must transition to narrow band equipment.

The Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) is hosting a Communications Interoperability Outreach Workshop to help you prepare to meet these critical deadlines.

Are you ready to meet these challenges?

In a vast state with many critical public safety needs, it is difficult for all stakeholders to stay informed regarding vital public safety interoperable communications issues. This workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn about upcoming federal mandates, discuss issues facing local jurisdictions preparing to meet these deadlines, and provide input on resources you need to maximize your outreach efforts.

Participants will leave with a better understanding of current key issues in interoperability, including:

- Preparing to Prove Compliance with National Emergency Communications Goals by 2011
- Meeting the FCC Narrow banding Requirements by 2013
- Arizona's Interoperability Goals & SCIP Initiatives
- Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS)
- Opportunities for involvement to advance interoperable communications in Arizona.

Encouraged to attend:

- PSCC Commissioners and SIEC Members
- Public Information Officers
- Communication Center Managers, Project Managers, Communication Leaders & other communications, planning, and operational representatives
- All public safety/service disciplines, including NGO's, volunteers and tribal entities

The workshop will focus on providing resources to better assist communities in advancing interoperability and implementing the States' Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

RSVP on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/SCIP-WKSHP>

For additional information, please contact GITA-PSIC at (602) 364-4498.

About PSIC: The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) office in the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) is responsible for advancing interoperable communications in Arizona and supporting the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) and Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) in performance of their missions. Our vision is to ensure Arizona's public safety personnel, at all levels of government and within non-governmental organizations, have access to quality interoperable communication systems, are adequately trained, and utilize such systems effectively in multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional incident response.

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